

All the claims presented for consideration in the above-identified application are as follows:

1. (currently amended) A composition comprising from about 0.1 to about 20 weight percent of a flavor or fragrance material encapsulated in matrix comprising from about 60 to about 99.5 weight percent of materials selected from the group consisting of sugars; maltodextrin having 5 to 20 dextrose equivalent (DE), fats, silicone dioxide, polyhydric alcohols, corn syrup solids, starch, modified starches, emulsifiers and food acids; and from about 0.5 to about 20 weight percent of hydroxypropyl cellulose, said hydroxypropyl cellulose having a viscosity of from about 3 to about 100,000 centipoise; wherein the flavor or fragrance material remains encapsulated at temperatures greater than about 130°C.

2. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein matrix is from about 5 to about 95 weight percent.

3. (original) The composition of claim 2 wherein the maltodextrin has a dextrose equivalent of from 5 to about 15.

4. (original) The composition of claim 3 wherein the maltodextrin has a dextrose equivalent of from 10 to about 14.

5. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the level of hydroxypropyl cellulose is from about 2 to about 10 weight percent.

6. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the composition has a Tg of greater than 35°C.

7. (original) The matrix of claim 1 wherein the matrix comprises from about 5 to about 75 weight percent starch.

8. (original) The matrix of claim 1 wherein the matrix comprises from about 1 to about 80 weight percent of a food acid.

9. (new) The composition of claim 1 wherein the flavor or fragrance material remain encapsulated at temperatures greater than about 140°C.

10. (new) The composition of claim 1 wherein the flavor or fragrance material remain encapsulated at temperatures greater than about 150°C.

11. (new) The composition of claim 9 wherein the hydroxypropyl cellulose level is from about 2 to about 10 weight percent.

12. (new) The composition of claim 11 wherein the hydroxypropyl cellulose is from about 3 to about 5 weight percent.

13. (new) The composition of claim 10 wherein the hydroxypropyl cellulose level is from about 2 to about 10 weight percent.

14. (new) The composition of claim 13 wherein the hydroxypropyl cellulose level is from about 3 to about 5 weight percent.

15. (new) The composition of claim 1 wherein the hydroxypropyl cellulose has a viscosity of from about 4,000 to about 15,000 centipoise.

16. (new) The composition of claim 15 wherein the hydroxypropyl cellulose level is from about 2 to about 10 weight percent.

17. (new) The composition of claim 16 wherein the hydroxypropyl cellulose level is from about 3 to about 5 weight percent.